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**Response Under 37 CFR 1.116**

**Expedited Procedure**

**Examining Group 3700**

Application No. 09/937,238

Paper Dated: September 22, 2003

In Reply to USPTO Correspondence of May 23, 2003

Attorney Docket No. 0702-011472

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/937,238  
Applicant : Mechteld G.M. RUTTEN  
Filed : January 29, 2002  
Title : **EASY-OPEN PEEL SEAL FOR**  
: **FLEXIBLE PACKAGE**  
Group Art Unit : 3727  
Examiner : Jes F. Pascua

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

MAIL STOP RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on May 23, 2003 and the period set for response was three months, bringing the response to be due on August 23, 2003.

Therefore, a one-month extension of time will bring the response due on September 23, 2003.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on September 22, 2003.

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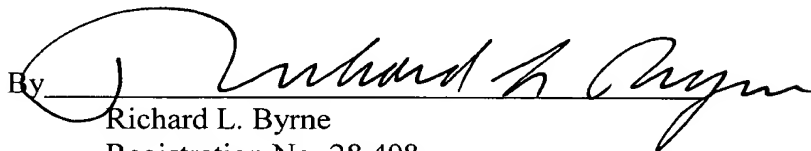
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A check in the amount of \$860.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee and the RCE fee. A response to the outstanding Action is filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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